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Seniors gaily dance to the music of Wally Rhodes at last year's Prom.

## Formal Dance, Festivities Mark Seniors' Graduation

Seniors may expect an enjoyable evening, Tuesday, June 16. The Rev. Joseph McCaffrey, C.M., and his committee of seniors are now completing the final preparations to insure this Senior Prom of a true success. The formal dance will take place at the Essex House from 9:00 p.m. to 1 a.m. One hundred ninety couples will attend.

The Collonades Room of the Essex House was chosen for the prom because of the romantic atmosphere of Central Park and also because of its convenience to the New York night spots.

Also available close by are the Hansom cabs whose quaint trips through Central Park are bound to please those who wish to emulate by-gone days.

The music will be supplied by Wally Rhodes and his band. The highlights of the Prom will occur at midnight when the seniors will march around the hall in the Grand Promenade with their dates.

This year, Victor Agusta and Frank Orlando are serving as co-chairmen. Fr. McCaffrey has appointed eight other seniors to do committee work of collecting bids and planning seating.

## In Memoriam

A hapless accident brought about the death of young Michael Vlacanich, a freshman in the Prep. While playing ball with a few friends, Michael was accidentally struck on the head. An emergency operation proved futile, for Michael died early Friday morning, May 22.

Young Michael Vlacanich looked forward to becoming an engineer. He liked mathematics especially, during his brief stay at the Prep. His sports activities included C.Y.O. baseball and basketball.

A special Mass was celebrated in the Prep chapel at 8:05 a.m., Monday, May 25, for the happy repose of Michael's soul. A funeral Mass was offered for him the following day in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Astoria, Michael's home parish.

To Michael Vlacanich's mother and father, to his relatives, and to his classmates in 1-17, the Red Owl, on behalf of the entire student body and faculty, wishes to express sincerest condolences.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

## Fr. Derrig Speaks At Commencement As Seniors Bid Farewell To Prep

June is traditionally graduation time. St. John's Prep will, this year, bid farewell to its largest graduating class. The commencement exercises for the departing 250 seniors will take place in St. John the Baptist Church, Thursday evening, June 18, at 8:30 P.M. The ceremonies will include talks by a guest speaker, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, and Benediction.

## Scholarships

The graduating class of June 1959 has achieved an admirable record. Approximately 90% of the seniors have been accepted by colleges across the nation.

Leonard Gregorczyk has been appointed to West Point, where he will join several thousand potential Army officers.

James Singler and Hank Kettlehodt have been appointed to the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Dennis McMahon has received full scholarships from both Villanova and Notre Dame Universities. In addition, he, and nine other seniors, have received Regents scholarships from the State.

Joseph McGrath and Dennis McMahon will address their fellow graduates as Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively. McGrath, a mainstay on the Speech Club for four years, comes from Corpus Christi parish in Woodside. McMahon, football and track athlete and scholarship winner, is a member of St. Matthias parish, Ridgewood.

The Rev. P. Austin Derrig, C.M., Dean of Men at St. John's University, Brooklyn Division, will be the guest speaker at the exercises. Father Derrig formerly taught at the Prep, and moderated the Red Owl for one year.

The Rev. Bartholomew O'Malley, C.M., President of St. John's Prep, will distribute diplomas to the graduates.

St. John's Prep is proud of this Senior class and knows that the traditions and spirit of the Prep will be carried on by its members throughout their lives.

The senior class, likewise, is proud of St. John's Prep. These graduates are well-rounded and mature only because of the expert guidance received from the Vincentian priests and lay faculty at St. John's.

## In Brief

Mr. Donald McCulloch, Prep instructor in Spanish and social studies, will receive his Ph.D. from New York University this month.

The Red Owl, on behalf of the faculty and student body, wishes to offer sincerest condolences to George Pigott, whose father passed away late last month.

The Red Owl also wishes to express condolences to Alfonse Lombardi, a senior, whose father passed away recently.

In closing, the Red Owl wishes to all the student body and faculty best wishes for a safe and pleasant summer vacation.

## Red Owl Wins First Place In Columbia Press Contest

For its journalistic presentation of Prep events for 1958, the Red Owl has received a first place rating from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. This association was founded in 1925 to help high school newspapers and yearbooks improve their standards and composition. The Red Owl achieved a score of 935 out of a possible 1000.

The News Scoring, into which category the Red Owl falls, is broken down into four principal topics including content, writing and editing, make-up and general considerations.

The Red Owl scored 288 credits in content coverage of a possible 300. In writing and editing which has for its purpose correct grammatical word usage the school paper scored 378 credits of 400. In the make-up category, the Red Owl scored 172 out of 200, and in the general considerations a score of 97 out of 200, thus making a total composite of 935.

In addition to marking the paper on the basis of a standard and a sectional score, the critic cites specific, constructive examples of errors made in journalistic style and tells exactly the cause of error. In this way the editors and writers and those connected with the school paper may benefit from the corrections made by the association.

## Tursi Cops First In CYO Talent Show

Dominick Tursi, a Prep junior, represented St. John's in the Popular Singing category in the annual Talent Show of the Catholic Youth Organization. The contest concluded Friday, May 8, 1959 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Here after more than 100 contestants in several categories had been eliminated, Dom Tursi rivaled 39 finalists. At the end of the show, the Rev. Vincent Powell, director of the C.Y.O., presented Dom with a first place trophy.

As a consequence of this award, Tursi will have the opportunity to sing on Ted Mack's television show sometime in the near future.

Special guest entertainer, Joseph McGrath won first place in the 1958 Talent Show.



Fr. Swain administers blessing to Prepsters in Prep classroom.

## Four Prep Graduates Become Vincentian Missionaries

Ten more priests were ordained to the Congregation of the Missions, Saturday, May 23, 1959. Four of these missionaries studied at St. John's Prep. They include the Rev. Henry Bradbury, C.M., the Rev. John Hodnett, C.M., the Rev. James Plataras, C.M., and the Rev. Robert Swain, C.M. Each visited the Prep last week.

The Rev. Henry Bradbury, C.M., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bradbury, attended St. John's Prep from 1945 to 1949. At the Prep, he was a member of the Latin and Physics Clubs, and the Student Council. He played four years of intramurals, and graduated in February, 1949.

Leaving the Prep, he attended St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, and Mary Immaculate Seminary and College, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

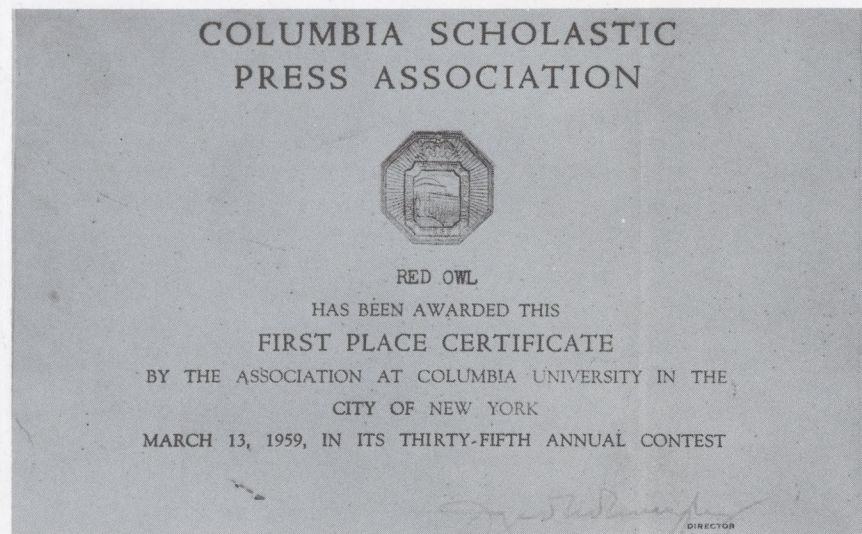
The Rev. John Hodnett, C.M., son of Mrs. and the late John Hodnett, studied at St. John's Prep, St. Joseph's College, and Mary Immaculate Seminary.

The Rev. James Plataras, C.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Plataras, also attended St. John's, where he was a member of many clubs, including the Moore Honor Society, Red Owl, and Speech. One of the more widely known

prepsters, he was voted vice president of the Student Council, most likely to succeed, class genius, and did most for the school.

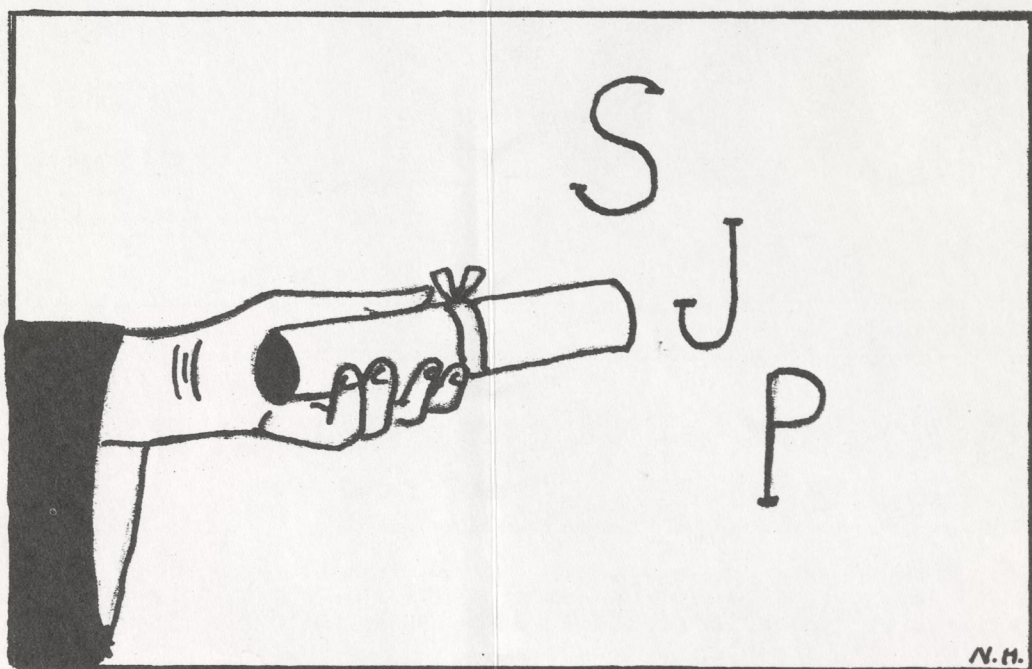
After graduation in June, 1949, he entered St. Joseph's College, and went on to Mary Immaculate Seminary and College.

A fellow graduate of Fr. Plataras, the Rev. Robert Swain, C.M., son of Mr. and the late Mrs. David Swain, studied at St. John's Prep from 1946-1949 also. He was active in school events as a member of the Speech, Latin, and Math Clubs. He played four years of intramurals and graduated in June of 1949. He continued his education at St. Joseph's College, and Mary Immaculate Seminary, where all candidates in the Vincentians' Eastern Province undergo their training.



Pictured above is the award the Red Owl received.





Sounding Board

# Thanks For The Education

by Vic Agusta

There are many friendships that will continue after graduation, but there are many more which will end. The fellow next to you who kept you smiling at times when you thought it impossible, or the boy in front of you who never had any paper, or even the joker whose prime target always seemed to be you, are all part of the many happy friendships which will probably end on diploma night.

We can also look at the happier side of graduation. We now know that we have successfully completed another of the many stages of life which will lead to our ultimate goal; a stage which can be considered as most important because the foundation for the rest of our life has been set on it. This foundation is based on the best and most truthful education, a Catholic education. At present, we may not fully comprehend the importance of this education, but as time passes we will realize it more fully.

This education afforded us goes beyond our mental training into the depths of our souls and has implanted in us the tenets by which we will gain our primary goal; heaven.

Now as we are about to depart from St. John's, we should get down on our knees and thank God for the education which has given us the equipment, confidence, and courage to fight our obdurate enemies—the world, the flesh, and the devil. We should thank God for our parents who have very likely made many sacrifices to give us this education, and thank Him for the oftentimes forgotten teachers who have labored, sometimes with difficulty, to give this education to us. We should thank God and ask Him to help us continue to do our job well.

The Rev. William Green, C.M., moderator of the Red Owl, and Mr. Robert Fountaine, Faculty Adviser, wish to thank and congratulate Red Owl editors George Haas, Larry Prendergast, and Richard Williams, and all the senior writers who plan to graduate in two weeks. Prominent among these writers are Joe McGrath, Vic Agusta, Artie Griffin, Jim Kivlehan, Jack Hennessy, Jim Hennessy, Bob Buxton, Dennis Fitzsimmons, Jack Reilly, Doug Mellett, and Bill Childs, all of whom contributed so much to the Red Owl's fine showing this year.

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Across The Desk

# God in Vacation

by Rev. Thomas Concagh, Spiritual Director

With this, the last issue of the Red Owl for the scholastic year, I would like to thank the student body for a memorable year. This has been a year of greater school spirit, and student participation in Prep Activities. For many, this year terminates a High School career. For the majority it means another year closer to your chosen vocation in life. For all of us it is a year that is finished and a year which will never return.

As I write these lines I recall other years and other boys who have left St. John's Prep for a summer vacation. I think especially of Bill Mowery, a Senior who graduated last year. As he left St. John's he looked forward to a college life at Notre Dame and a future career in Law. A sudden death interrupted this ambition and desire. There were other Prepsters, some I taught and knew personally. Today, perhaps, they look down on us from heaven. It is well for us, as we begin this summer vacation, to think of our own death and to ask ourselves frequently, "Are we ready to meet our Maker?"

This vacation period is given to us in order that we might get a well needed and well earned rest. But do not waste this time. If possible, try to secure a summer job, even though it might mean selling Good Humor ice cream in Coney Island. Do something. Idleness is indeed the Devil's workshop. If we cannot get a good paying job somewhere, then try to find something to do around the house. Occupy your time reading books. Once in a while, pick up your school books. It is amazing how a summer review will help you for the school work of September.

In closing, I would like to remind you to get to Mass and Holy Communion frequently during these summer months. Temptations are strongest in the summer and we need the help of the sacraments to keep us safe and pure.

I would like to say goodbye and good luck to the Seniors. You were a great group of boys and it was nice knowing you. I hope you will be back frequently to see us. To the rest of the school body, we say God Bless you and keep you. We hope to meet you again in the fall. Have a happy summer.

## Last Chapter

by Larry Prendergast

As Thursday, June 18, graduation night, approaches, 256 seniors are finishing the last chapter of a closing book. The book is, of course, the Prep. This book, filled with cherished moments and episodes, both happy and sad, for the next few moments will be reviewed.

The first chapter begins when we entered St. John's as freshmen. Small, shy, and in a new environment, we were cautious, if not somewhat afraid of high school life. Later though, when we had conquered our fears of the upper classmen, we became quite acquainted with St. John's. Doctor Loschert's antics and Mr. Casey's baseball problems were anxiously awaited by all. Outside class, many of us joined extra-curricular activities. Jack Hennessy, George Lewis, and Vic Agusta had already extended their influence in the Student Council. We saw Red Owl articles written by Artie Griffin and George Haas highlighting the athletic prowess of Mike Castellano and Jim Benestad. Joe McGrath and John Fleming won scores of honors for the Speech Club, while Joe D'Onofrio, Frank Harford, and Richie Rockwell made beautiful music for the Band.

As sophomores, we tied closer bonds to the Prep and enjoyed activities and sports even more. One of our greatest joys was harassing the frosh.

With the promotion from soph to the junior year, we became vital parts of the scholastic and activity organization. Besides our increased knowledge, we developed a more rounded education by being an active part of all phases of St. John's life, especially the social part.

At last the glorious moment was ours—we were seniors! Now it was we who were the top men of the Prep! Now others would look up to us. But we had responsibilities too, one of which was to give the good example for the underclassmen to follow.

And we did not fail in our duties. Denny McMahon, Vinnie Accurso, and Frank Orlando became stars on the gridiron and off. Every basket Hank Kettelhodt scored was another deciding factor for his selection as an All-City basketball player. Gabe Troiano and Pat Murdocco wielded plenty of bat against opposing pitchers. In swimming, Tom Farley, Richie Schneider, and Roy Valcich left competitors in their wakes.

We watched Bob Buxton, Jack Reilly, and Bob Tadler in their comical roles in *No Time for Sergeants*, while Vic Agusta and Richie Williams fulfilled their duty serving as "incentives for all phases of Prep life" in the Moore Honor Society.

We saw and read the work of editors Bob Monaghan, Bill Johnson and Jack Schiech in our fine yearbook. Bill Trust and Bob Travia provided the touch to the Poster Service Squad's murals, while cheerleaders, Jim Kivlehan and Bob Buxton brought school spirit to a new high for athletic events. In the track picture, Joe Lang, Vince Melomo and Bill Finn smashed records and set new ones. Aside from these, we had some "just nice guys" like Doug Mellett, Jack Reilly, Jim Prevet, Gerry McFeely, Dick Cuneo and Ron Gillespie. Yes, we seniors could be found active in all organizations.

So as we sit and watch our fellow classmates receive their diplomas, we have finished this book's last page. Even though we may regretfully lay it aside, let us hope that the training we have received from this book be with us always and that it may help us attain future success!

# Pep O' Prep

by Jim, Bob, Jack and Kive

With graduation creeping up slowly on us, we look back, with teary eyes, on the past achievements of some of our illustrious Seniors of 1959.

Al Melanson—Tarzan Club 3, 4; Banana Peeling Club 1, 2, 3.  
Chet Wright—Driving Without Car 1, 2, Driving Without License 3, 4.  
Jim Slattery—Eyes Club 1, 2, 3; Push-Up Club 4.  
Bob Buxton—Squaw Club 3, 4, (5?)  
Ed Beagan—Hero Club 3, 4, 4½.  
Sal Alaimo—Slenderfeller Club 1.  
Frank Zamminer—Boxing Instructor 1, 2.  
Jack Reilly—Yearbook 4, 5, 6.  
Richie Williams—Home Study Forum 1, 2, 3, 4.

And now to prepare for the upcoming finals, here are a few questions which are bound to appear on the tests:

### CHEM

Q. What are the four members of the Halogen family?  
A. Ira, Sam, Irv and Lakhaim Halogen.

Q. What is the easiest way to obtain Eythl Alcohol?  
A. Go to the liquor store and buy a fifth.

### OVERHEARD

Mr. Waters: "What is iambic pentameter?"  
Joe Filipone: "... (pause)"  
Mr. Waters: "Harumph, well . . ."  
Joe: "Wait a minute, I'm figuring it out mentally!"  
Mr. Waters: "In that vacuum?"  
—End of joke.  
... that Ed Beagan is investing in an aqua lung, fins, and face mask.  
... that some seniors are still at detention since last Friday.  
... that many Prepsters ended up all wet at the boat ride.  
... that Kive, Buxton and the Hennessy's will seek a B.A. in humor.  
So, on that happy note, we will leave you. No applause. You will probably note that the above column is devoted entirely to the seniors. But then again, it usually is anyway and besides, we can't break the habit.  
Au revior!!!!

# Senior Spotlight

by Artie Griffin

In this final edition of the Red Owl, we would like to uphold the tradition and review the Prep careers of our President and Vice President.

Mr. President, Vic Agusta, hails to St. John's from St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. Vic is truly the outstanding member of the Prep's student body.

He has been a member of the Student Council for four years and has won great recognition through his diplomacy. Also ranking high on his list of activities is Red Owl, Dramatics, Football, Speech Club, and numerous other clubs.

Despite all this extra-curricular activity, Vic has proved himself to be a fine student. A member of the Moore Honor Society, Vic has been on the Headmaster's List every term. Since Vic ranks third in the senior class, he will probably receive a scholarship to Niagara University. Good luck to a fabulous guy.



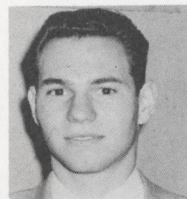
Vic Agusta

Frank Orlando, our Vice President, comes to St. John's from St. Francis de Chantal Parish in Brooklyn. Ever since his career at the Prep began, Frank has acquired for himself an enviable reputation.

Paramount on Frank's list of activities is Football. He is the man who sparked the Prep eleven throughout the entire football season. Besides being the fastest member of the team, Frank scored almost every touchdown that the squad made. Because of his speed on the gridiron, Frank was nominated to the post of All-City Halfback.

Next, we see Frank kicking up those cinders for the Track Team. Again he appears to be one of the key members of the squad. Serving as co-captain with Joe Lang, Frank is also All-Metropolitan, as a result of his speed on the track.

Frank's winning personality and athletic powers are sure to take him far in the public eye for the years to come.



Frank Orlando





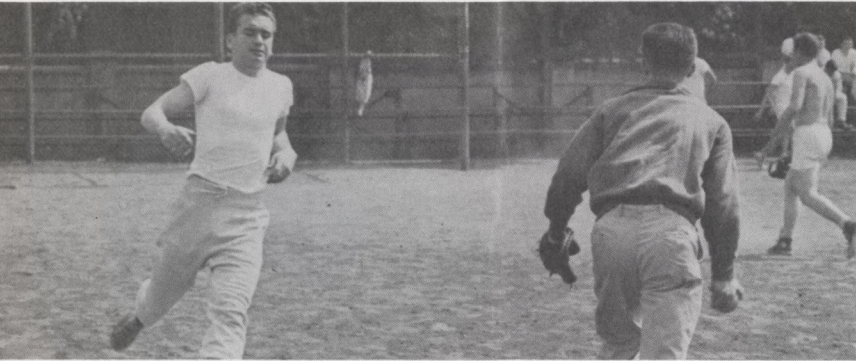
How Injuns! Once again the battles of our faithful Warriors are coming to a close. After starting out rather poorly on their warring ways, our braves have finished the battles successfully.

In the beginning, Chief Bill Hayden, captain of the football team, led the braves on the warpath. Assisting him was Frank Orlando, who gained many feathers for his backfield bravery.

Later in the year, Big Chief Hank Kettlehodt gathered not a few scalps for himself, averaging 19 an encounter while fighting a losing season.



	R	H	E
April 22, vs. Chaminade			
Chaminade	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 2 0
St. John's	0 0 0	6 0 0	0 6 6
April 24 at St. Francis			
St. John's	0 0 0	0 0 3	0 3 3
St. Francis	2 1 0	1 0 0	x 4 5
April 29, at St. Michael's			
St. John's	0 0 0	0 1 0	1 2 6
St. Michael's	1 0 0	0 1 3	1 6 7
May 4, vs. Molloy			
Molloy	3 0 0	0 2 0	2 7 8
St. John's	2 1 0	0 0 2	0 5 8
May 6, at Trinity			
St. John's	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 3
Trinity	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 3
May 8, vs. Holy Cross			
Holy Cross	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 1 1
St. John's	0 6 0	0 2 1	x 9 12
May 11, at Brooklyn Prep			
St. John's	4 0 6	0 0 1	0 11 12
Bklyn. Prep	1 2 0	0 0 0	1 4 9
May 14, vs. Loughlin			
Loughlin	1 0 0	0 0 0	0 1 3
St. John's	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 2 8



# 4-4 Takes Swimming Match Tadler Pitches 2 Hit Win

Senior section 4-4 won the intramural swimming championship Wednesday, May 13. The following day, the big bats of 4-6 won the intramural soft ball playoffs.

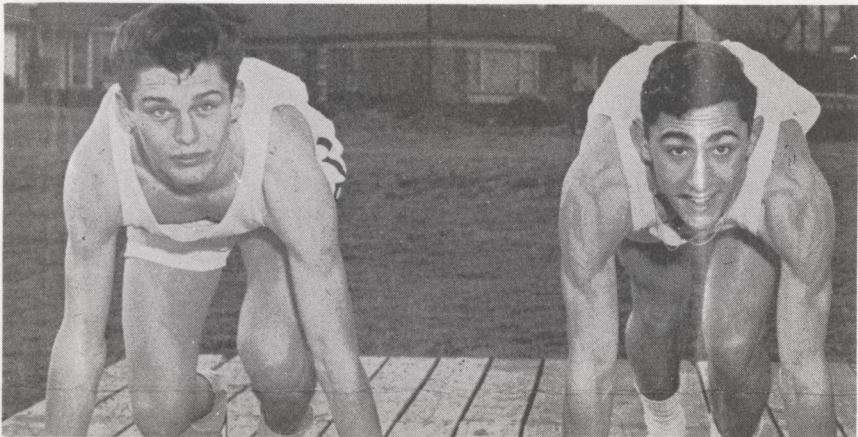
In the inter-class swimming events, 4-4 beat out 4-2 and 4-5 by only one point. Jim McKiernan won the 25 yard free-style and Jerry Mullin took the 50 yard event. Bill Johnson was a strong third in the backstroke contest. Paul Garbarino placed third in the breaststroke contest. Then the four teamed up to win the 100 yard relay. The final score was 4-4, 16 points; 4-2 and 4-5, 15 points each.

In the softball intramurals, 4-6 trounced 4-1 by a score of 5-0 behind the bats of Ken Mullin, John Savarese and Bob Tadler. 4-1 hit the ball well but were held to two hits by the sharp fielding of John Logiudice, Ed Nigri and Ken Mullin. The play of the day was Logiudice's fourth inning, diving

Baseball proved to be a better campaign than the rest. Under Hank Kettlehodt, the Redmen nine took many a scalp. Gabe Troiano and Mike Castellano's war clubs belted many homers out of the park.

The fleet footed harriers outran the rival tribes in several events, setting, likewise, many new school records. Joe Lang, George Lewis, Vin Melomo, Paul Valentino and Frank Orlando took their share of scalps in record time.

Well, braves, time has come to depart. Until next year, Excelsior!



# Harriers Score At AAPS Meet Five Compete At West Point

The most successful track team in St. John's history again displayed its talents in the recent Athletic Association of Private Schools Meet at Randalls Island, May 15. The trackmen scored over 20 pts., placing them among the top contenders.



(L.) Proce beats out grounder for hit; (R.) Mike Castellano for S.J.P.

# Johnnies Edge Out Loughlin Lions Terriers Smash First Place Hopes

by Doug Mellett

With the closing issue of the "Red Owl" for the year, comes the sad news that the Prep nine has been eliminated from the post-season City championships. At the present time the Redmen are fighting the Chaminade Flyers for 2nd place.

The Johnnies played host to the Loughlin Lions in an extra inning fray at N.F.O. Thursday, May 14. The Injuns, behind the brilliant three-hit pitching of Pete Majoy, nipped the visitors 2-1 in nine innings. With Loughlin leading 1-0 in the fourth, Coach Hess sent Gabe Triano to bat. On the very first pitch "big" Gabe lined a r.b.i. single to right. Both teams were held scoreless until the bottom of the ninth when Gabe again came to bat. This time Gabe hit a home run to win the game.

# J.V. Beats Loughlin Loses To Eagles 6-4

Junior Varsity baseball ended with a 2-1 win over Loughlin. The game, played at the Parade Grounds, was 1-0 in favor of Loughlin going into the 7th inning. In the bottom of the seventh the J.V.'s promptly got the bases loaded. After two batters flied out and struck out, respectively, Jim Fanning, on a 1 and 2 count, hit a sharp grounder to the first baseman who threw to the second baseman. The throw was wild, went into centerfield and scored the winning run.

In previous games the team lost 6-4 to St. Francis and 8-4 to Brooklyn Prep, but beat Xavieran 5-3. Both games were played at the Parade Grounds. In the Xavieran game at Shore Road, Milhaven went 4 for 4 including a home run.

May 15, vs. St. Francis	
St. Francis	0 3 0
St. John's	0 0 0
May 18, at McClancy	
St. John's	0 1 0
McClancy	0 0 0
May 19, at Cathedral	
St. John's	0 0 3
Cathedral	0 0 0
May 20, at St. Michael's	
St. John's	1 0 0
St. Michael's	2 4 0
May 21, vs. Loughlin	
St. John's	0 0 0
Loughlin	1 0 0

# Coach Views: Baseball

by Herb Hess

As we well know, all athletic contests are comprised of two features, viz., Offense and Defense. In the former, you are trying to better your opponent in trying to score against him and in the overall picture, outscore him by the end of the contest. In the latter, you are trying to prevent his aggressiveness and thus minimize his scoring in order that you might be ahead at the end of the game.

This is also quite evident in baseball. We can sub-divide these elements and discuss the major factors related to them. On the offensive side of baseball, batting is the most important factor in the efforts to overcome the opponent. Incidentally, I believe, hitting is the most difficult phase of this great sport. The ability to hit carries more weight in the overall analysis of the baseball player. In plenty of cases, glaring weaknesses in other departments have been offset by high class performances with the bat.

Perhaps, the presence of so many elements related to good hitting makes it so difficult. The concentration and self control needed to become an established hitter probably 'wear down' the patience of the baseball aspirant hence lessening his potential as a 'prospect'. Space does not permit a complete resume of all the particulars relative to batting, but, to list a few, some of the bad points in weak hitting are, too long a stride; swinging too hard; taking eye off ball; swinging up; use of wrong bat; trying to outguess the pitcher; fear of the ball and/or lack of confidence.

To offset this offensive strength, the first line of defensive power is pitching. There have been various estimates as to the value of pitching ranging from 75% to 90% of the defensive strength. Of course, the better the fielding and throwing, the weaker the pitching can be. But in the majority of cases, perfect fielding cannot offset pitching that is too far under par. The baseball field is entirely too large to have this happen. I do know this, however; that if you do not have reasonably good 'chucking', you might as well pick up the marbles and go home before the debacle starts. A track meet will develop — on the bases for one side and in the field for the other.

Bob Buxton, better known as Harvey Haddix, did the impossible. Assisted by Bob Muccigrosso, he pitched the seniors to their first winning softball game with the faculty in not a few years. Backed by Jim Kivlehan's and Jack Hennessy's fielding, the two defeated the faculty 3-0.



## Pindaro Lockhart Shares Experiences

Mr. Louis J. Ansalone, teacher of Global Geography for the freshmen has assigned to each student a report on a foreign country.

Pindaro Lockhart, a freshman in class 1-13 has given a special report because he is a native of the Dominican Republic. He gave his report in three of Mr. Ansalone's other classes. To insure the interests of the students, he showed them vivid pictures of his homeland and at the same time gave a talk.

As part of the assignment, Pindaro handed in a written report describing the geographical status of the Dominican Republic, stating its customs and historical background.

Pindaro, in this country for just one year, has no trouble in expressing himself and as a result his averages have made Honor Roll standards.

He is especially proud of the facts that Christopher Columbus claims his resting place there and located in his country is the oldest university, hospital, and cathedral in the Americas.



Fr. Nelson presents Mr. Trezza with first copy of Prep Shadows.

## "Shadows" Praises Mr. Trezza In Dedication For Teaching

Mr. Joseph J. Trezza, instructor at St. John's Prep 36 years, and head of the Modern Language Department, received the first copy of the 1958-1959 Prep Shadows. This edition, dedicated to Mr. Trezza because of his long service to the Prep, featured several innovations to match the growth of the student body.

The theme of the book, "The Sidewalks of New York," depicts through pictures how St. John's upholds the tradition of culture synonymous with this great metropolis without compromising, however, the principles of Catholicism.

In addition to special dedication pages to Mr. Trezza, this issue featured a special memorial to the late Pope Pius XII and a greeting to His Holiness, Pope John XXIII. The faculty have been arranged according to Departments.

The part of the book devoted to the juniors included a memorial to John Murray, who died of leukemia in August, 1958. Each class is represented with informal poses showing the various activities which occupy their scholastic and extracurricular time.

The Rev. William Thomas, C.M., and the Rev. John Regan, C.M., served as co-moderators of Prep Shadows. Seniors Jack Scheich, William Johnson and Robert Monaghan edited the issue with staffs of seniors, juniors and frosh.



This they call relaxing! Or is it "invigorating recreation"?

## Prepsters Joined By Friends Enjoy Boatride To Rye Beach

This year, the Prepsters and friends boarded the John A. Meseck for the annual Boat Ride to Rye Beach. This social event promptly got under way at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, May 28. The students and their dates departed from Battery Park Seawall, Manhattan.

The trip to Rye was both pleasant and scenic. While on board the prepsters added to the enjoyment by talking, indulging in games, or dancing to the music supplied by a band.

Following the Senior-Faculty game, the spectators as well as the participants dispersed and made their way to the amusement park where they tested their abilities on the games of skill and their daring on the rides.

After an exciting day and one which will be long remembered by all, the Prepsters departed for home on the John A. Meseck and arrived at the Battery Park Seawall about 8:00 P.M.

## Art Exhibit

The work of Mr. Louis Gehring's art classes enhanced the Prep Library, during the first week of June. The display lasted for approximately two days; one for art and the other for Mechanical Drawing.

Watercolor paintings, depicting street scenes, marine paintings and figure drawings, lined the walls of the Library.

The Mechanical Drawing classes displayed work in the form of "Blueprints and Pencil and Ink Drawings."

## Clubs 2:60

In its last issue of the school year, the Red Owl would like to commend the members of the various clubs for their excellent participation in these organizations during the year. In this corner we have endeavored to publicize these extra-curricular activities that do not compete in newsworthy events and yet contribute so highly to the prepster's well-rounded education.

To participate in these clubs takes some time from the students' free time, but the rewards gained from this time are many times multiplied. The moderators and faculty advisers of these organizations also deserve a firm round of applause. To prepare various lectures, experiments, and exhibits takes time and effort; certainly, these men show true devotion to Catholic education.

The Red Owl, therefore, salutes you, wishing you a well earned vacation. It trusts that you will return again next year, after losing some of your fine senior members but gaining new freshmen to fill the depleted rank of students who thought so much about the school and its activities that they returned after class to become more firmly integrated in the St. John's spirit.

## Messers. Millela and Greco Direct Spring Band Concert

Applause echoed from DeGray as the Prep Band presented another highlight in the social affairs held at the Prep; the Band Concert. The Concert, which took place May 15, filled DeGray with enjoyable music from 8:30 until about 11:30 p.m.

## McGrath Cops K. of C. Statewide Contest

At the statewide competition of the Annual Knights of Columbus Oratorical Contest in Niagara Falls, N. Y., during the weekend of May 22, senior Joseph McGrath captured all honors by receiving first place and another \$1,200 for use as a college scholarship. He had previously won the same amount in the city competitions in which he outclassed his opponents, April 26.

McGrath delivered a speech showing "The Catholic Contribution to New York State." He included the importance of Catholic principles in one's actions.

McGrath, who will be Valedictorian at this year's commencement exercises, will also travel to Miami, Florida, June 23.

Mr. Martin Millela and Mr. George Greco directed the band, which is under the moderation of the Rev. Daniel Kramer, C.M. The program, arranged to suit all tastes, included both the classical and popular type rhythms.

Joseph D'Onofrio, Mark Galgano, Frank Gentile and Charles Knapp each performed solos.

The members of the band also showed how a marriage should not be conducted in the novelty number "Ragtime Wedding". A musical group entitled the "Countdowns", composed of Prep students, added to the program with some of the latest "Rock and Roll" tunes.

The program of the concert gave a special salute of thanks to its senior members, all of whom have dedicated themselves to four years of arduous work in practicing three times weekly.

## Fr. Doyle Commends Prepsters Suggests Other Mission Work

During Lent, students of the Prep sacrificed to fill mite boxes to contribute to the missions. This drive, begun by the crusaders under the moderation of the Rev. John Pearce, C.M., netted \$450. Through the offices of His Excellency, Bishop John Boardman, this sum went to the Rev. Donald Doyle, C.M.

Fr. Doyle sent a letter of appreciation to the Rev. John Nelson, C.M., headmaster, asking that the students, who generously contributed, receive his special thanks. The money, already forwarded to Panama, will help build a home for a lay catechism teacher of the Mission in Concepcion, Panama.

In his letter, Fr. Doyle suggested that the students at the Prep adopt the Rev. James O'Keefe, C.M., a former Prep instructor and aid him in his tasks of educating Panamanian youth by contributing to the Colegio de San Vincente de Paul.

## Kelly's Classmates Donate Prep Ciborium

Michael Kelly, an eighth grade student at Immaculate Conception School, Astoria, died under mysterious circumstances this spring. Michael had planned to attend St. John's Prep this September, in preparation for a future as a Vincentian priest.

The Rev. Thomas Concagh, C.M., Spiritual Director, who had advised Michael, said the Requiem Mass for the deceased.

In Michael's memory, his fellow students at Immaculate Conception School have donated a ciborium to be used in St. Catherine Labore's Chapel. Michael's parents, and his sisters received communion from this ciborium Saturday morning, May 23 at a special Mass said by Father Concagh.

## Rota Works On Third Rocket Seeks Army Launch Approval

Senior Vincent Rota, whose interest lies in outer space and missiles, has completed the plans for a two stage high altitude rocket, and requiring only one more part to complete, has almost finished the construction of this missile.

When the missile is completed, Rota plans to get in touch with the Army in order to have it tested. Mr. Gerard Geis, of the Physics department, has advised Rota in his tasks.

In a special report to the Red Owl, Rota gave the following information:

"The rocket engine, being simple metal plugs with a convergent divergent opening, takes up the greatest amount of work because of the machinery involved. The plugs are held in place by allen screws; first, piercing the body, then the engine.

"Firing will be electrical for the first stage and self contained for the second stage. After blast off the first stage will climb to a height of 500 feet, attaining a speed of 341 m.p.h. (500' per sec.) in 5 seconds. The second stage shall then immediately be fired endothermically by a device contained in the stage coupling.

"The main aim of the second stage will then be to keep the speed constant instead of accelerating. Its burning time will be approximately 15.2 seconds. Then, it will attain an altitude of 79,700 feet when it burns out and ends its powered phase. Coasting for about another 300 feet, it will bring its zenith altitude to approximately 80,000 feet or 16 miles."

## Senior Success



The exclusive right to smoke on premises.

(L.) "Now for a little explosion . . ."; (R.) "Whaddya mean 42?"